

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 14, 2009
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: Secretary of State

BILL NUMBER: SB 172
AUTHOR: D. Florez
RELATED BILLS: AB 452; AB1862

BILL SUMMARY: Voter Registration

This bill would extend the time a voter's name may remain on the inactive file of registered voters, from the duration of two federal elections to four presidential elections as provided, before the registration may be canceled.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would increase the cost of the Voter Identification mandate by extending the time a voter's name can remain on the inactive voter file. Voters would have more time to vote provisional at the precincts which raises costs for other mandates.

The fiscal impact of this bill is unknown at this time.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance opposes this bill for the following reasons:

This bill could increase the cost of the Voter Identification and other mandates by extending the time a voter's name may remain on the inactive voter file, from two federal elections (8 years) to four presidential elections (16 years) as provided, before the registration may be canceled.

This bill is unnecessary because existing law already provides adequate notice and the opportunity to update voter information in a timely manner. A county election official may cancel the voter registration if a voter is placed on the inactive file and fails to respond to a confirmation mailing or an address verification mailing.

Existing election mandates have caused significant cost pressures on the General Fund. Deviations from existing federal or state law may require a new program or higher level of service which requires a subvention of funds.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	Code
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